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Tender

Skills Bootcamp

Kent County Council

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Scope

Reference

CN240143

Description

The purpose of Skills Bootcamps is to provide tailored and flexible training courses for adults aged 19 or over in various sectors with evidenced skills gaps nationally or locally, such as Kent and Medway's creative sector, as well as agri-food, construction, retail, health and social care, and early years education. The aim of the programme is to help individuals upskill, retrain, or formalise their skills to access in-demand jobs, apprenticeships, new opportunities, and potentially higher income levels.

The contract is anticipated to commence on July 2025 and will continue for a period of 4 year(s) unless terminated in accordance with the Conditions of Contract. The estimated total value of the contract for the financial year 2025-26 is a maximum value of £1,497,081 but no guarantee is given as to the actual value of the contract.

There is the potential for a contract extension of up to 12 months, depending on both the success in achieving the required outcomes and availability of further funding.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £7,485,405 excluding VAT
- £8,982,486 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2029
- Possible extension to 30 June 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

A potential for a contract extension of up to 12 months, depending on both the success in achieving the required outcomes and availability of further funding.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Depending on both the success in achieving the required outcomes and availability of further funding.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80500000 - Training services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Lot 1. Creative Sector

Description

1. Creative & Digital Assistant Production Management

Course: Skill Development Skills Bootcamp

2. Creative & Digital Assistant Production Management

Course: Immersive Digital Media Bootcamp (level 3-4)

Lot value (estimated)

- £875,000 excluding VAT
- £1,050,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Agri-Food

Description

1. Skills Bootcamp On Farm and Off Farm Operations

2. Skills Bootcamp Horticulture & Environment Management

3. Skills Bootcamp Research & Development

4. Skills Bootcamp Leadership & Management Skills

Lot value (estimated)

- £910,000 excluding VAT
- £1,092,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Construction

Description

1. Skills Bootcamp in Management Skills
2. Skills Bootcamp Introduction To Construction - Steelfixing Pathway (x 2 Bootcamps)
3. Skills Bootcamp - Introduction to Construction - Groundworks Pathway (x3 bootcamps)
4. Bootcamp - Introduction to Construction - Formwork Pathway (x2 bootcamps)
5. Skills Bootcamp - Plant Training NPORs Dumper / Roller (x 2 bootcamps)
6. Skills Bootcamp - Introduction to the Construction Industry (x3 bootcamps)
7. Skills Bootcamp - Bricklaying x 3
8. Skills Bootcamps - Bricklaying Advanced x 2
9. Skills Bootcamp - Bricklaying NVQ
10. Skills Bootcamp - Multi trades & Retrofit x 3
11. Skills Bootcamp - CSCS & Retrofit x 11

12. Skills Bootcamp on the 'need to knows' about being self-employed in the Construction Sector

13. Skills Bootcamp on the 'need to knows' about being self-employed in the Construction Sector

Lot value (estimated)

- £3,742,905 excluding VAT
- £4,491,486 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Retail

Description

Skills Bootcamp Elevate your career in Retail

Lot value (estimated)

- £245,000 excluding VAT
- £294,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Health & Social Care

Description

1. Skills Bootcamp Understanding the Principles of Dementia Care; or Skills Bootcamp Understanding the Safe Handling of Medication; or Skills Bootcamp Principles of End of Life Care
2. Skills Bootcamp Working in Health and Social Care

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,555,000 excluding VAT
- £1,866,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 6. Early Years & School

Description

Level 3 Award in supporting children and young people's speech, language and communication

Lot value (estimated)

- £157,500 excluding VAT
- £189,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

30 June 2030

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

For bids that meet the minimum quality score requirement, prices within the required pricing envelope and achieving the highest quality score will be ranked first and selected as KCC's Preferred Supplier. If two providers achieve the same quality score, the provider offering the lower total cost within the pricing envelope will be selected.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Creative Sector

Lot 2. Agri-Food

Lot 3. Construction

Lot 4. Retail

Lot 5. Health & Social Care

Lot 6. Early Years & School

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

25 April 2025, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

5 May 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenderers must submit their Tender via the Kent Business Portal which allows data entry and the uploading of attachments where applicable. Only submissions made via the Kent Business Portal will be considered.

Kent Business Portal: <https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>

Project Title in the Kent Business Portal: Skills Bootcamps - CN240143

Once registered, please 'Express Interest' through the Kent Business Portal to receive updates and tender notifications. Providers who express interest are automatically granted access to the tender files once the opportunity goes live.

Providers are reminded to register on the Central Digital Platform, and to ensure their information is up to date before submitting a bid.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

7 June 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Experience and Expertise	Quality	20%
Programme Design and Delivery	Quality	20%
Quality Assurance	Quality	15%
Employer Engagement	Quality	15%
Learner Support	Quality	10%
Cost-effectiveness and Value for Money	Quality	10%
Innovation and Flexibility	Quality	5%
Sustainability and Impact	Quality	5%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Competitive flexible procedure description

Refinement of Terms and Conditions, award criteria, and supplier selection for multiple tendering rounds. KCC reserves the right to negotiate throughout the tendering procedure.

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

There was a Prior Information Notice published on 22 August 2024. PIN # 2024-000066

Documents

Associated tender documents

[Tender Pack - Skills Bootcamp - CN240143.zip](#)

Contracting authority

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